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TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

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1. IN A LUNCHEON DISCUSSION, JOHN METHVEN, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES
(CBI) AND HIS SENIOR COLLEAGUES, EXPRESSED VEHEMENT
DISPLEASURE WITH UK-JAPANESE TRADE RELATIONS AND
ADVOCATED TOUGH COUNTERMEASURES. THEY VIEW THE
KEIDANREN VISIT TO EUROPE AS HAVING PRODUCED NO RE-
SULTS, AND THEY FORESEE NO JAPANESE ACTION TO REDUCE
BRITAIN'S (AND EUROPE'S) TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN.
THEY WILL APPARENTLY URGE TRADE SECRETARY DELL TO
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ADOPT A "DO SOMETHING OR ELSE" LINE WHEN HE VISITS
JAPAN THIS SPRING: TO SAY THAT UNLESS CONCRETE ACTIONS
ARE TAKEN WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME (A MATTER OF
WEEKS), THE UK WILL SEEK TO HAVE THE EC ACT AGAINST
JAPANESE EXPORTS ON THE BASIS THAT ARTICLE XIX OF THE
GATT IN ITS CURRENT FORM IS A DEAD LETTER. AND,
EVIDENTLY, EVEN IF JAPAN IMPROVES ITS BEHAVIOR, CBI

WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XIX TO
PERMIT ITS DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION.

2. THE CBI LINE IS INDICATIVE OF THE STRONG PRESSURES
THE GOVERNMENT IS OPERATING UNDER. LIKE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE TAKEN A SIMILAR LINE WITH
US, THEY SAY THAT BRITAIN'S CONTINENTAL PARTNERS,
INCLUDING GERMANY. INCREASINGLY SHARE THIS ATTITUDE.

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